



HVAC and PLUMBING Sponsored by KAMC

*KAMC Executive Director Tim House once again supports SkillsUSA KY
with industry judges and donated prizes*

HVAC competition hosted by Sullivan College of Technology & Design

*Plumbing competition Hosted by United Association
Plumbers, Pipefitters & Service Technicians
Local Union 502*





Photo: House receives SkillsUSA KY Power Partner plaque from Business & Industry director Fran Dundon during 2014 Opening Ceremony.

Tim House
Executive Director
KY Association of Master Contractors:

“Theodore Roosevelt once said, ‘Every man owes a part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No man has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is trying to improve conditions within his sphere.’ So, ask yourself, is your industry within SkillsUSA? If it is and you are not involved, get involved in this great organization because this is a pipeline for skilled individuals.

“The construction industry as a whole is facing an overwhelming shortfall of talent. If we are not doing anything to fix this, then we are part of the problem. SkillsUSA gives us a starting point because we can get involved and support competitions. It also allows us to provide these skilled young people with an opportunity to become aware of the great career pathways in each of our respective skilled trades.

“My industry has served me well and it is my responsibility to serve my industry in return. Isn’t it yours? Get involved with SkillsUSA...they are the future.”

Dundon:

“While many avenues are open, SkillsUSA Kentucky is the student organization that companies, unions, and associations in our state should be involved with because we are the ‘skills’ organization serving high school and postsecondary students who are preparing for trade, technical, and skilled service careers. It’s a natural fit for all of us to work together and form mutually beneficial partnerships that provide successful outcomes for everyone. Tim House and KAMC continue to be great partners with SkillsUSA KY for members who are in the HVAC-R and Plumbing programs. Your association has made a difference and the number of competitors is the proof. Thank you.”

HVAC and Refrigeration Secondary Division



Winners:

1st Place: Nathan Zabrecky
Nelson Co. ATC

2nd Place: Todd-Paul Bloomer
Meade Co. ATC

3rd Place: Luke Houchens
Barren Co. ATC

Photo (l to r): Todd-Paul Bloomer, 2nd place,
Meade Co. ATC and Luke Houchens, 3rd place,
Barren Co. ATC. Not pictured: Nathan Zabrecky.

Bloomer:

"It was a good contest and thanks to Tim House and KAMC for our great prizes. Thanks also to Sullivan College of Technology and Design. They have a great facility and do a good job of hosting the contest."

**Darren Jones, HVAC Instructor
Meade Co. ATC:**

"We have all received benefits as a result of the SkillsUSA KY partnership efforts with KAMC. It's another way industry is helping us strengthen the standards in our classrooms. I am super excited to get an actual EOC assessment test for all of the HVAC programs in the state, and thanks to Tim House for spearheading this effort. Hopefully we can implement the test next school year."



HVAC and Refrigeration - Postsecondary Division



Winners:

**1st Place: Josh Dean
Elizabethtown Technical College**

**2nd Place: Daniel Millay
Sullivan College of Technology
and Design**

**3rd Place: Andrew Purvis
Jefferson Technical College**

Photo (l to r): Daniel Millay (2nd), Sullivan College of Technology and Design; Josh Dean (Jamison Wright is standing in for Dean because he had to work), 1st place, Elizabethtown Technical College; and Andrew Purvis, (3rd), Jefferson Technical College.

Competition sponsored by KY Association of Master Contractors



Local Union 502 supports the mission of SkillsUSA and believes that training high school students is essential in order to keep the pipeline full of interested and skilled young people.

***Chuck Graham, Director of Training
United Association Plumbers, Pipefitters & Service
Technicians
Local Union 502:***

“Having an opportunity to host this type of event allows us to see the best in the field. And, it is our hope that some of these skilled young people join our apprenticeship program. We want to introduce them to a worthy career pathway.”

Plumbing Competition held at the United Association Plumbers, Pipefitters & Service Technicians Local Union 502

Photo (l to r): Erik Elzy, Local 502 school coordinator; Doug King, David Moore, Dennis Rodgers, Tim House, KAMC Executive Director and contest chairman; Del Melcher III, plumber training coordinator; Frank Craven, and SkillsUSA KY state director Larry Johnson.

Plumbing Postsecondary Division

Winners:

**1st Place: Jesse Hornback
Elizabethtown TC**

**2nd Place: Roland Trombley
Elizabethtown TC**

**3rd Place: Giles Smyser
Jefferson Technical College**

*Photo (l to r):
Giles Smyser (3rd),
Jefferson Technical
College;
Jesse Hornback (1st),
Elizabethtown Technical
College; and
Roland Trombley (2nd),
Elizabethtown Technical
College.*



Bobby Bow
*Associate Professor
Elizabethtown TC:*

“KAMC executive director Tim House has been wonderful to work with as a sponsor – as well as chairing these competitions.

“Not only has KAMC provided quality tools that are appropriate to the trades, but technical support in developing the contest standards. My students are motivated to become professionals in their plumbing field...and, they are determined to win the SkillsUSA KY state competition because they know their technical skills will be put to the test by industry professionals. KAMC is working hard to positively promote the plumbing trade and help young people understand the value of a career in plumbing.

“Thank you to Local Union 502. Their facility was a great place to hold the competition and we thank Chuck Graham and Erik Elzy for their efforts to help make this a great event.”

